

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Integrate and Refine Procurement Policies and Consider Long-Term Procurement Plans.

Rulemaking 13-12-010  
(Filed December 19, 2013)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to September 2, 2016.

**1. Background**

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. The scoping memo in this proceeding was issued on May 6, 2014, and anticipated that this proceeding was going to be resolved on May 5, 2016, within 24 months of the date of the issuance of the scoping memo. On April 21, 2016, the Commission issued Decision 16-04-042 extending the statutory deadline to July 4, 2016.

On December 19, 2013, the Commission instituted this rulemaking to integrate and refine procurement policies and to consider long-term procurement plans. This proceeding is the successor proceeding to rulemakings dating back to 2001 to ensure that California's major investor-owned utilities can maintain

electric supply procurement responsibilities on behalf of their customers. A new successor Rulemaking (R.) 16-02-007 to this proceeding has already been opened by the Commission to consider new integrated resources planning requirements and additional long-term procurement planning policies.

On May 19, 2016, a proposed decision was issued for public review and comments closing the proceeding and transferring the one remaining unresolved set of issues to R.16-02-007.

Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline to September 2, 2016, is necessary to allow the Commission time to deliberate on the proposed decision and issue its final decision.

## **2. Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Michael Picker is the assigned Commissioner and Julie A. Fitch is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is July 4, 2016.
2. On May 19, 2016, a proposed decision was issued for public review and comments closing the proceeding and transferring the one remaining unresolved set of issues to R.16-02-007.

3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to allow the Commission time to deliberate on the proposed decision and issue its final decision.

**Conclusion of Law**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to September 2, 2016.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until September 2, 2016.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.